

Stomminster Nov 19 / 48

Dear Miss Weston,

Thank you for your fidelity to the slave, in reminding me of my duty. by Mr May. Be assured I do not need to be warned of my duty to the cause, & although I take it very kindly & indeed gratefully from you. Still I am pained to be obliged to state a fact, which for the slave's sake I could wish it were other wise. Formerly it has been in my power for many years to do something pecuniarily for the cause. this year I cannot give a cent honestly. For myself I can bear poverty, for the sake of others I wish I had an abundance. For reasons which I cannot fathom, the ladies in town do not choose to do any thing for the fair. Two or three will send a trifle of knitting or such a matter. I have made arrangements with some friends to give me means & I will cook some for the refreshment room & whatever I may beg from the bounty of others I will. ~~at~~ I had hoped that by the most rigid economy & personal sacrifice, to be able to be with you, & the more so, since I learned how many laborers were abroad. I have longed to be able to show you by something better than words, how much I sympathize with you in your great accumulation of care & trial & how eagerly I would render you any assistance in my power. I need not necessarily be ~~at~~ at home I will be at my post here, while you are

toiling there. My heart, my whole soul is with
you. I have spent yesterday & today in the woods
gathering greenery, for the hall. I have a fine
lot of it, very nice & some pretty dried flowers
& grasses. by the aid of nature I can yet do something
trifling though it be. Perhaps it is early to gather
greens, I think I can keep them fresh. I feared the
snow might fall & I should lose the opportunity
of getting any. I shall go more if the snow does not come.

Will you please inform me if those persons who
act as waiters at the Fair could call at the Depot
to take any things I might send there. I would send
you a line at the time informing you when to send
for them. We have friends often going down who
would take charge of a box or two, without pay,
as far as the Depot, but would not like to be further
troubled with them. I would not trouble you
with this matter, if I had the means of paying freight.
If it had been so that I could go myself I could have
taken the things & in addition (I was intending to go on
Monday 18 so as to assist in decorating the hall.)
I had thought of several little nick nacks I would
take for the refreshment room, such as country
apple sauce, baked apples &c. I will bear in
mind the Doughnuts. May you be more successful than ever
Pardon this horrid sheet, My eyes fail. I cannot see
a line or scarce a word.

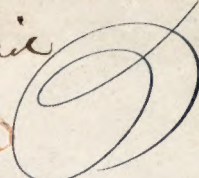
With true devotion,
G. H. Drake

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My dear Mr. Smith
I have just received
your letter of the 10th
and am glad to hear
from you.





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